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Dutch Princess immensely enjoyed working visit to Aruba



Her Royal Highness, Dutch Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands, spent several days on Aruba on a working visit to introduce her new children's book, "Mr. Finney en de wereld op zijn kop" in Papiamentu. The occasion was celebrated during the week that the world was commemorating International Day of the Child, on November 20th.

The Princess' other book about Mr. Finney was presented here in Papiamentu a few months ago when she visited Aruba with her parents and three children. Princess Laurentien is married to Prince Constantijn, son of her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands.

Although one of the two books of the Princess has been translated in seven other languages, Papiamentu and Dutch are the only two languages in which both books are available.

The government of Aruba, in the person of the Minister of Culture, was host to the Princess and provided for a varied program of visits to different interactions with children.

On Wednesday she was received by the Aruban Investment Bank to deliberate on the establishment of "The Missing Chapter." This is a non-governmental organization to subsidize social and educational projects.



tional projects.

The Princess participated in a special Day of the Child activity in the Cas di Cultura and presented her translated Mr. Finney book. Contact with young people was the primary focus of the Dutch Princess' visit.

The Princess also met with students of the Colegio Arubano and later with children at the Washington School where her book on Mr. Finney was presented.

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Berlin's winter market at the Gendarmenmarkt after its official opening on November 26, 2012 in the German Capital. The market opens its doors from November 26 to December 31, 2012. Every year, Berlin shines in a festive blaze of lights in the period before Christmas. There are about 60 Christmas markets to wander round and enjoy.

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The Princess spent some time chatting with three young women of Aruba; namely, Director of ATA Ronella Tjin Ashoe-Croes, Sharon Erasmus of ARINA and Mrs. Shook Yan Hoo, a local entrepreneur.

Princess Laurentien also took time to pay a second visit to IPA where she once again met with students and presented her second book on Mr. Finney. The students surprised the Princess with a DVD musical which they produced about her first book.

The Dutch Princess' book tour and visits concluded

with a visit to The National Arikok Park for lunch and later inaugurated the sculpture park at the International Beatrix Airport.

Her very final stop was at the Van Dorp bookstore in Dakota where she witnessed a fabulous reflection of Aruba's multicultural facets. A large group of children and their parents were present to receive copies of Mr. Finney in the four most spoken languages on Aruba: Dutch Papiamentu, English and Spanish. Princess Laurentien also took time to read to the children and to sign copies of her books.

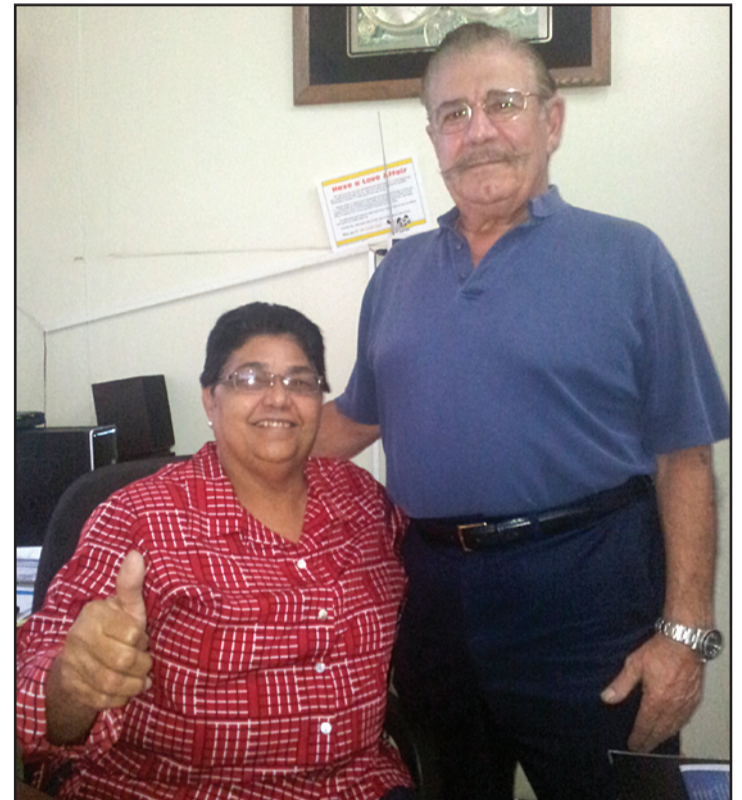
Veteran island visitor Sal Source has an idea for the "Green Aruba" movement

Sal Source of New Jersey and his wife have been coming to Aruba since the 1960's, having been passengers on the inaugural American Airlines flight to the island. For them, it has always been their "home away from home." They had even gone so far to build a home here, which they sold, but still continued to return regularly.

Sal is again looking for a retirement residence on the island, as both he and his wife miss their extended stays and he feels it is the "best place in the world to live." He is particularly pleased by the stance Aruba has taken to be the first 100% fossil fuel independent country in the world by 2020 and applauds the government's efforts. He also has a strong interest in seeing recycling refuse become a widespread practice, and further compliments local companies that have opened recycling plants for waste. Presently, cardboard, magazines and newspapers, glass, plastic, tin food cans and aluminum soda cans are being sorted, bundled and shipped out to recycling plants around the world. The contents of septic tanks are processed and the water used for irrigating public landscaping. Unfortunately, one very large contributing factor to the increasing waste accumulating at the island's landfill in Parkietenbos, which is not addressed at present, is organic food waste.

Sal hopes to introduce a solution for this problem, which unfortunately contributes strongly to the proliferation of vermin. He and his partners in the U.S. have set up systems for the city of Newark, N.J., and other establishments, which processes food waste using natural microorganisms, reducing it to liquid waste.

"We first became acquainted with this process a



Manager the Morning News Ingrid Does and Sal Source

few years ago, " he explains, "but what was available did not process bones, which I and my partners felt was essential. We studied the matter and had a processor designed that

would handle any sort of food waste fed to it, and call it Food 2 Water."

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Two Police officers share their commitment to Aruba



Aruba Tourism Authority continues their awareness campaign, which they began in earnest back in September. Today, their focus is on two police officers, Melony Visser and Eduard van de Biezen. These officers excel in their commitment to Aruba and share their experience.

Melony Visser has been employed by the Aruba Police Force as a police officer for several years. Different circumstances propelled her into choosing to become a police officer, for which she is very pleased. In her daily work she meets many people and faces many different situations. Melony is currently working at the Police Ward in Noord which is known to be a very busy area.

Melony says...“you need to know your Barrio very well. It is always nice to see the differences, where it is busier, when new places open up, etc, that is what I like.”

A memorable anecdote that Melony recalls took place in 2007, shortly after beginning here training. She recounts that

when her class graduated, she noticed that all 15 of them who had begun together completed the program together and that they were still all together. She considers that very special.

Melony is preparing for the end of the year busy season when many officers work overtime. They can sometimes put in 16 hour days.

Melony and Eduard van de Biezen work together in the Cycle Department. During certain months they do control during citizens' walking campaigns, and patrol in the hotel areas. Their patrol in the hotel areas is to ensure that the police are visible there and ready to help visitors.

With respect to our visitors, Melony shares that our visitors are very happy with the treatment they get from the police. Obviously they lament when visitors are molested or robbed by vandals.

“In our work, there are many things which fall under our responsibility, says Melony. “I do my work with pride; I help those who need help. And, tourism for me gets priority.”

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SITE Florida hosts first Educational Caribbean seminar on Incentive Travel



WILLEMSTAD- The Florida Chapter of the Society of Incentive Travel Executives (SITE) recently presented its first Educational Caribbean seminar on Incentive Travel, which was hosted by the Curaçao Tourism Board at the Curaçao Marriott Resort & Emerald Casino. Attendees from Antigua, Aruba, Curaçao and the United States spent several days participating in informative workshops designed to educate them on why and how to pursue and retain high-end clients in the Caribbean.

The event was opened by CEO of the Curaçao Tourist Board, Ghatim Kabbara, who welcomed everyone to the island, saying: “It is important that we continue to strive for excellence in our products and services, and together create awareness that we are actually “selling” our services and that our “product” is our home, our island. Let us work together to elevate the Jewel of the Caribbean, Curacao, and promote our tourism industry,” he concluded.

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Aruba to organize unique showcase Aruba event in NYC!



Urvin Croes

This coming week a spectacular event is scheduled to take place in Manhattan, New York, where Aruba will showcase authentic aspects of the island in the presence of different press media.

The exclusive night is to take place in the lovely "The Kitchen NYC" situated in the heart of downtown Manhattan in New York. Works of art by artist Elisa Lejuez, musician Jonathan Vieira and Chef Urvin Croes will be there to delight the audience. Urvin Croes will prepare delicious authentic Aruban dishes, with Jonathan Vieira playing Aruban compositions on the piano and Elisa displaying 7 of her masterful paintings. It will be an evening of a true fusion of Aruban culture.

The Minister of Tourism, Director of ATA will be present delivering speeches. They will showcase Aruba's lovely beaches, culture, art, history, music and flora and fauna and show all of the richness of Aruba. Chef Urvin will do his presentation in a state-of-the-art-kitchen and provide visitors the opportunity to savor something of the unique variety of



Elisa Lejuez

Aruban cuisine. The expectations for this event are great with several important press and media organizations confirming their presence. Among them are: Saveur, Haute Living, Travel & Leisure, Successful Meetings, Self, Parents, Esquire, Brides, Etc.

Different "Food & Travel Bloggers" will be there, among them: The Feisty Foody, Eat Big Apple, The Daily Meal, Out to Much, Examiner, etc. The Today Show correspondent is also expected to be in attendance.

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New focus on Destination Weddings on Aruba!

ORANJESTAD -- According to a recent study, about 34% of the so called "Destination Weddings" take place in the Caribbean. However, Aruba receives only 3% of this market which indicates that there is great potential for this segment of the tourism industry for Aruba.

The Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) and the Aruba Census Bureau have decided to work together on improving this important segment of the tourism market for Aruba. One of ATA's objectives is to promote Aruba as the perfect destination to celebrate one of the most important events in the life of a person - the legal marriage ceremony. Together with the help and collaboration of the Census Bureau, Aruba wants to offer our tourists/couples interested in getting legally married here, a unique and most memorable experience in a historic building. They want this experience to be such that the couple would want to relive this experience year after year on our 'dushi' island.

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My commitment to Aruba is to make Aruba a safe place both for our visitors as well as for our own Arubans, says Melony Visser.

Melony's colleague, Eduard van der Biezen, also works in the Cycle Department. He concentrates his work in the hotel area as well as in the outskirts of the hotel barrio. Eduard says, "I love work that is very active, especially now that we are in a very busy district where there are night clubs close to the hotels." Van der Biezen has been in the Police Force for five years now. He says, "I'm a role

model and I want to do everything correctly. Everyone knows that you're a police officer and you simply have to behave yourself."

He indicated that there are moments when you have to defend your island. This has to do, for example, with joyriding cases or thefts which tourists also experience. You have to try to console them and at the same time show the positive side of our island.

What is a normal work day for a police officer? According to Eduard van der Biezen, there are no normal days.

Every day is different. There are quiet days and other days when you don't even get the time to eat anything. The busy days begin on the weekend, from Friday at "happy hour" and goes on until about 10:00 am the next day!

"In these days, things are rather quiet because of the preventive measures that we have implemented," says Eduard. Eduard van der Biezen's commitment to Aruba is to provide safety and good service to tourists and locals. These he says are fundamental aspects of our community.

Sal Source has an idea for the "Green Aruba" movement

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The company sets up the machine, which only needs to have the decomposing microorganisms introduced once a year. This includes a full training course for the employees who will be using it. Reducing all food waste, depending on its composition, takes anywhere from 2 to 24 hours, and the resulting liquid can simply be flushed down the drain. They have five models of varying sizes, and Sal is convinced that three of their large machines would reduce

all the organic waste at the landfill within a short period. They also have optional complimentary systems which can recycle the product into compost or fertilizer for gardens.

An additional benefit of processing the waste in this manner is a reduction of carbon emission from burning the garbage, which is what is done at the landfill at present. According to the U.S. EPA LPGE Benefits Calculator, one year of using the Food 2 Water System to divert annual food

waste for a state such as California, would power 107,000 homes, and have the environmental benefit equal to removing 1.5 million cars from the road and planting 1.6 million acres of pine forest. Estimated figures for individual businesses, depending on its size, are on their website.

"Probably the greatest benefit is the major reduction in vermin," reports Sal, "and of course the savings in cost of hauling away the refuse. I would like to see one of our

machines at every hotel and mall on Aruba which produce major amounts of food waste; within a short time they will find their pest population is nearly non-existent."

Food 2 Water even made the NBC morning news program and has earned kudos from the Mayor of Newark, N.J., Corey Booker. Full information and benefits regarding the process can be found on their website: <http://food2water.com/> and their Facebook page.

Rosalie Klein

Aruba to organize...

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The Aruba Tourism Authority is very pleased with the organization of this event. All efforts are directed toward improving the quality of the visitor to Aruba... and to make the destination of Aruba more known to those interested in traveling to the island for vacation.

New focus on Destination Weddings...

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The Census' idea is to modernize and digitalize the process to even include the possibility for live streaming wedding ceremonies in real time. This means that there would be the possibility for persons to follow the ceremony in real time from any part of the world. Those, who for whatever reason, could not be physically present would be able to watch the wedding live on www.aruba.com.

Very soon they will install High Definition cameras in the City Hall building where these weddings are being held to allow for the live streaming. With this innovative and interesting project ATA and the Census Bureau will be adding added value to the experience of a "Destination Wedding."

Currently the Census Bureau is going through some important changes that will benefit the entire island, including this segment of the tourism industry.

Another project includes the creation of an adequate and attractive location where the civil agent can perform weddings near our beautiful beaches.

ATA and the Census Bureau will continue working together to facilitate and innovate wherever necessary to take Aruba to the next level so as to increase the amount of "Destination Weddings" for Aruba. They want to convert Aruba into being the Top Destination in the minds of couples looking for an ideal place to get married away from home.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Video footage published of Breivik parking his van bomb

OSLO (AFP) - Norway's public broadcaster NRK yesterday published for the first time video footage of right-wing extremist Anders Behring Breivik parking his van bomb that killed eight people in Oslo in July 2011.

Captured by video surveillance cameras, the images show Breivik parking his white van on July 22 at the very foot of a building tower that housed the prime minister's offices.

Breivik is seen getting out of the car in a security guard's uniform, and walking away briskly.

The video, which features comments by the security guard on duty that day, also shows the damage caused by the bomb, which weighed nearly a ton.

The prime minister was not in the building at the time, though eight other people were killed and several dozen were injured.

Breivik can also be seen leaving in a second vehicle, a grey Fiat van, which he used to drive to the nearby island of Utoeya where he gunned down 69 people, mostly teens, attending a Labour Party youth camp.

The security guard on duty that day had followed the scene on his monitor and said he thought the driver of the white van was a watchman.

He adds that he began the process to have the van moved by calling up the vehicle registry to learn the driver's name.

"I picked up the telephone and..." he added, without finishing the sentence.



SOUTH SUDAN, Juba : Graham Hughes from Liverpool in the United Kingdom, who claims to be the first person to have visited every sovereign nation on the globe without flying, poses with his belongings for a photograph, in Juba, South Sudan, on November 26, 2012. South Sudan was the last country on his list as it was not an independent country when he first started his trip. Graham Hughes, 33, took almost four years to tick off 201 countries off his list, including all 193 members of the United Nations. Hughes was raising funds for British charity Water Aid during his record attempt. (AFP)

SITE Florida hosts first Educational Caribbean...

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The first workshop to kick off the event elaborated on the types of services that Fortune 500 and Fortune 1000 companies have come to expect from destinations and hosts. Elaine Allison from 'I Can Fix That' talked about the various expectations that clients may have, as well as the level of motivation expected from each participant. Doyle Girouard from

'Pinnacle Incentives' and Joe Orecchio of 'Road Meetings and Events' jointly discussed the Meetings, Incentives, Conference and Events (MICE) industry, along with topics related to different levels of service. The speakers took from their vast experience traveling around the world to present their thoughts on the importance of the incentive industry and steps that companies and destinations must take in order to be contenders in the multi-million dollar industry.

The participating countries were well represented, with executives from companies such as the Marriott Curacao, Hyatt Regency Curacao, Cura-

cao Plaza Hotel, Princess Beach Curacao, Hilton Curacao, Yellow Tours, Business Serenity, ECO Destination Management Services Aruba & ECO Destination Management Services Curacao as well as Massive Production, in attendance.

Sponsors of the event included the Curacao Marriott Resort, Curacao Tourist Board, Massive Production, Goodman Speakers Bureau USA, SITE Florida, SITE Canada and ECO Destination Management Services Curacao, which was responsible for making sure the seminar and accompanying events ran smoothly.

No changes to Morsi decree after meeting judges

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's Islamist President Mohamed Morsi yesterday stuck by a controversial decree granting him sweeping powers, his spokesman said, after a meeting with the country's top judges.

There is "no change to the constitutional declaration," a presidential spokesman said, after a meeting between Morsi and the country's top judges aimed at defusing the dispute. During the meeting, the judges expressed concern about Thursday's constitutional declaration which allows Morsi to issue any law or decision unchallenged by the courts.

But he added that Morsi sought to clarify that any irrevocable decisions apply only to issues related "to his so-vereign powers" and stressed the temporary nature of the decree.

A court will next week examine the legality of the decree by which Morsi assumed broad new powers on Thursday, an official said, as demonstrators opposed to the Islamist leader staged a sit-in at Cairo's Tahrir Square.

US-EU counterfeit crackdown seizes 132 websites

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US and European authorities said yesterday they seized 132 websites in a transatlantic law enforcement crackdown on online sellers of counterfeit merchandise.

The seizure was the latest in a string of efforts by US officials to shut down online forgers, but the first joint effort with EU officials.

Yesterday's announcement was the result of a joint probe by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with authorities from Britain, Belgium, Denmark, France, Romania and the European Police Office (EUROPOL), according to a statement released in Washington.

ICE Director John Morton said the sites were selling a wide range of illegally copied products including Nike apparel, Ergobaby carriers and Hermes luxury goods, "all of it fake, all of its substandard quality."

"These websites were stealing from legitimate websites and copyright holders and the

people who make these products," Morton told a conference call.

Morton said the operation coincided with "Cyber Monday," a major online shopping day following the Thanksgiving Day holiday in the United States.

"This operation is a great example of the tremendous cooperation between ICE and our international partners," said Morton.

"It's a huge problem not only for US industry, but for legitimate industries in Europe and Asia and elsewhere. Just think of all the jobs that are lost, think of all the tax revenues that are lost."

Among the brands being counterfeited were McAfee, Symantec, Armani, Guess, Burberry, Chanel, Gucci, Lacoste, Dior, Tommy Hilfiger, Versace, YSL and Michael Kors, officials said.

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Fire kills 14 at disabled workshop in Germany

BERLIN (AFP) - Fourteen people perished and several more were injured when fire swept through a workshop for handicapped people in the Black Forest region of Germany yesterday, authorities said.

Around 300 firefighters backed by helicopters battled the blaze in the town of Titisee-Neustadt in southwestern Germany for more than two hours, as some wearing breathing apparatus pulled several people from the stricken building.

The cause of the fire was

not immediately known but there was a large police presence at the site. At least one explosion was believed to have taken place in a storage room.

It was still unclear whether chemicals were stored in the room, but the workshop's activities included the treatment of wood.

Pictures showed smoke billowing out of the three-storey concrete building and firefighters helping the injured, some in wheelchairs, to helicopters and ambulances.

A source close to Caritas, the welfare association that

runs the workshop, said there were 50 or 60 people aged between 20 and 65 in the building when the blaze broke out.

In total, the workshop employed some 120 people with disabilities.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the majority were mentally disabled workers who were manufacturing wooden decorations for Christmas as well as other electrical and metal goods.

The building was relatively modern and fully respected the fire regulations.

Fraudster behind Mohammed film voices no regrets

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The convicted fraudster behind an online video that outraged Muslims with its portrayal of the Prophet Mohammed as a thuggish deviant says he has no regrets, the New York Times reported yesterday.

Nakoula Basseley Nakoula's crude trailer for "Innocence of Muslims" first appeared on YouTube in July, and touched off protests across the Muslim world in September.

Nakoula, convicted of bank fraud in 2010, was later ar-

rested in Los Angeles for violating the terms of his release on probation, for which he now is serving a one-year prison sentence.

In what the Times called his first public remarks since his return to jail, Nakoula stated he would go to great lengths to convey what he called "the actual truth" about Mohammed.

"I thought, before I wrote this script, that I should burn myself in a public square to let the American people and the people of the world know this

message that I believe in," he said in reply to written questions.

He cited the killing of 13 people at the Fort Hood military base in Texas in November 2009 -- for which a Muslim army psychiatrist has been charged -- as evidence of "atrocities" carried out "under the sign of Allah."

"I became even more upset and enraged" after the Fort Hood massacre, said Nakoula, 55, a Coptic Christian immigrant from Egypt.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Colombia rebels not abiding by ceasefire

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's defense minister charged yesterday that FARC guerrillas were not abiding by a unilateral cease-fire despite a rebel leader's vehement insistence that they were.

The accusations back and forth reflected continuing tensions and mutual suspicions a week into peace talks in Havana aimed at ending Latin America's longest running guerrilla war.

"Historically they have lied to Colombia," Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said in an interview published Monday by El Tiempo, a Bogota newspaper.

He said "some evidence shows they have not" held to the unilateral two-month ceasefire that FARC leaders declared yesterday at the start of the negotiations in Havana, the first in a decade.

The Colombian government has rejected a ceasefire as a precondition for the peace talks, saying it had made that mistake once before and would not do so again.

During the last peace process, the government agreed to demilitarize a large swath of the countryside to facilitate the talks, but the rebels used the arrangement as cover to rebuild and expand their

presence.

Since then, however, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, which are believed to have about 9,200 fighters under arms, have lost key leaders and been weakened militarily by a string of setbacks in recent years.

"Let's hope they negotiate soon and, once and for all, declare a ceasefire for the rest of their lives," Pinzon said. "Until then, the military forces and police will not drop their guard for an instant."

A FARC negotiator, Ruben Zamora, on Sunday accused Pinzon and some generals of "taking pot shots at the (peace) process."

"We express our total adherence to the unilateral halt of offensive actions ordered by the high secretariat of the FARC," he said in a statement.

A FARC unit acknowledged they blew up two electricity towers after the ceasefire announcement, but said it was because they had not yet received the order to stop offensive operations.

Another FARC unit claimed that the Colombian military staged a mock battle on November 20 near a town in the southern province of Cauca, and then passed it off as a FARC attack.



MONACO : Princess Stephanie of Monaco (3rd l), President of Fight Aids Monaco (FAM) et UN Goodwill Ambassador poses with a t-shirt in Monaco on November 26, 2012 after an anonymous and free AIDS test for the forthcoming World AIDS Day . World AIDS Day, observed on 1 December every year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. Translation is 'Me I lifted the doubt.'
(AFP PHOTO)

Health & Living

Exercise before school improves concentration: study



COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Cycling or walking to school increases a child's ability to concentrate in the classroom, the results of a Danish study showed.

Children who were driven to school, or who took public transport, performed less well in a test measuring concentration levels, than those who had walked or cycled, a joint study by researchers at the universities in Copenhagen and

Aarhus found.

"The exercise one uses to transport oneself to school is reflected in the level of concentration one has circa four hours later," said Niels Egelund, a co-author of the report.

The results surprised the researchers, as their hypothesis originally focused on the effects of eating breakfast and lunch on pupils' ability to concentrate.

"The results showed that having breakfast and lunch has an impact, but not very much compared to having exercised," Egelund told AFP.

"As a third-grade pupil, if you exercise and bike to school, your ability to concentrate increases to the equivalent of someone half a year further in their studies," he added.

In the survey, taken by 19,527 pupils aged five to 19 years, participants were asked about their exercise habits and were then given a basic test measuring their concentration.

"Most people know the feeling of being refreshed after having exercised, but it is surprising that the effect lasts for so long," Egelund said.

One more dead, three sick with mystery virus: WHO

GENEVA (AFP) - Another person has died of a mysterious respiratory virus and three more cases have been discovered in Saudi Arabia and Qatar, the World Health Organisation said on week-end.

"This brings the total of laboratory-confirmed cases to six," the Geneva-based UN agency said in a statement.

A Saudi man died from the novel coronavirus in June and a Qatari man was hospitalised in London with the virus after a trip to Saudi Arabia.

The WHO has previously confirmed that the new strain was part of the coronavirus family, which also includes the deadly SARS virus as well as the common cold.

What sets the new virus apart from SARS is that it causes rapid kidney failure, the WHO said.

In view of the small number of cases with little connection between them, the WHO has previously said the virus did not appear to be very contagious, but it stressed that many cases might be going undetected.

"The virus is most closely related to viruses in bats found in Asia, and there are no human viruses closely related to it," Ron Fouchier of the Erasmus Medical Center in The Netherlands, who led the study, told the journal.

"Therefore, we speculate that it comes from an animal source," he added.

Hong Kong dads to get paternity leave for 1st time

HONG KONG (AFP) - Hong Kong fathers will be given three days' paternity leave for the first time despite objections from employers after officials agreed to start drafting new laws Monday.

While mothers in the Asian financial hub are allowed 10 weeks away from work and fathers in the civil service are given five days, up until now there has been no provision for paternity leave for fathers in the private sector.

But Labour Minister Matthew Cheung said the labour advisory board, which is made up of employer and employee representatives, has given the go-ahead for a three-day statutory leave period.

In the absence of any statu-

tory parental leave allowances, most working fathers in Hong Kong are forced to cobble together holidays and sick-leave if they want to spend time with their newborns.

But employers have fought against the plans for leave, saying it will raise labour costs and place them under an unnecessary burden. And the Federation of Hong Kong Industries has linked the provision of paternity leave in Europe to the continent's debt crisis.

In Britain, for example, mothers can take a maximum of 52 weeks leave while fathers are entitled to two weeks, with ministers recently putting forward plans for an even more generous system.



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Turn to gas to fight climate change, Qatar says at UN talks

DOHA (AFP) - Qatar on Monday shrugged off criticism of its record-busting carbon emissions and instead extolled the virtues of its key export, natural gas, as it opened a major UN conference on climate change.

At the start of the annual UN talks, Qatar's deputy prime minister Abdullah Bin Hamad al-Attiyah sought to deflect attention from his country's reputation as the world's biggest per-capita emitter of greenhouse gases.

A key issue at the 12-day meeting in Doha will be to review countries' emissions targets to see if they align with the campaign to combat climate change.

As a result, some observers say the Gulf state of Qatar, as one of the planet's biggest producers of fossil fuels, is unsuitable to chair the conference.

"We should not concentrate on the 'per capita', we should concentrate on the amount... from each country, individually what they produce, because it goes to the air, open space," Attiya told journalists.

He said that "even countries that produce coal" had in the past hosted the UN talks, and sought to portray gas as a safer, more energy-efficient alternative.

"Gas is the right choice to reduce emissions," said Attiyah, a former energy minister who is also president of the talks under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Qatar is the world's fourth biggest natural gas exporter, according to the CIA world factbook.

The International Energy Agency says that in 2009, 20 percent of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from fuel combustion came from natural gas, after 43 percent from coal and 37 percent from oil.

Under the Kyoto Protocol, due to be extended in Doha, about 40 rich nations and the EU agreed to binding targets for reducing Earth-warming emissions by five percent on average from 2008-2012.

Developing countries were not given targets under that deal, but several have pledged voluntary caps.

Qatar is not among them and Attiyah doused expectations that it may do so as a symbolic gesture. One hundred percent of Qatar's electricity is derived from fossil fuels.

"We have a target in how to reduce our emissions very dramatically," he said, without giving any numbers.

Two dead in landslide as floods hit Panama



PANAMA CITY (AFP) - Panama declared three disaster areas on Sunday after two people were killed in landslides triggered by torrential rain. The worst-hit areas were Colon province on the Caribbean coast and the Capira area 60 kilometers (40 miles) west of Panama City, where a landslide buried two people inside their home. Martinelli toured hard-hit areas and declared Capira, Chorrera and Colon disaster areas, to speed up assistance to them, a statement from his office said. In Chorrera, water filled homes to the roof, rivers burst their banks and shops were flooded. At least 800 homes have been damaged by the storm and 94 people had to be evacuated by rescue officials, emergency worker said.

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US breaks \$1bn for first time in online Black Friday shopping

NEW YORK (AFP) - US shoppers spent heavily online on the crucial Black Friday shopping day, for the first time topping a billion dollars in online sales in a single day, analysts and retailers said.

The four-day Thanksgiving

holiday weekend is the kickoff to the US holiday shopping season, and Black Friday has long been considered the critical day that turns retailers' books from red to black.

Consumer spending makes up more than two thirds of US economic activity. So the short but busiest consumer sales season has a huge importance to the US economy for the whole year.

This year, online shoppers spent a grand total of \$1.042 billion on Friday, surpassing last year's Black Friday haul by 26 percent, according to the

consulting firm Comscore.

Another study by IMB Benchmark Digital Analytics saw an increase of 21 percent in Internet sales, with a surge in orders of mobile devices and tablet computers, in particular.

According to norms we've observed over the past three years," retail analyst ShopperTrak said, the Monday after Thanksgiving "should be the heaviest online shopping day of the season with sales approaching \$1.5 billion or even higher."

Guatemala protects coast with artificial reefs

GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) - Guatemala has set up 2,800 artificial reefs along its Pacific coast to see how they can protect marine life and help fisherman.

All five departments of the Central American country with coastline now have the man-made barriers, Manuel Cifuentes, who is working on the project, told the newspaper Prensa Libre.

One goal is to build up fish stocks in places where before there were none.

Local fisherman Freddy Baches said the idea was a good one "because we are sure that in a short time span will we have an abundance of fish."

Another fisherman, Roland Pineda, helped put the reefs in place and called it an enlightening experience.

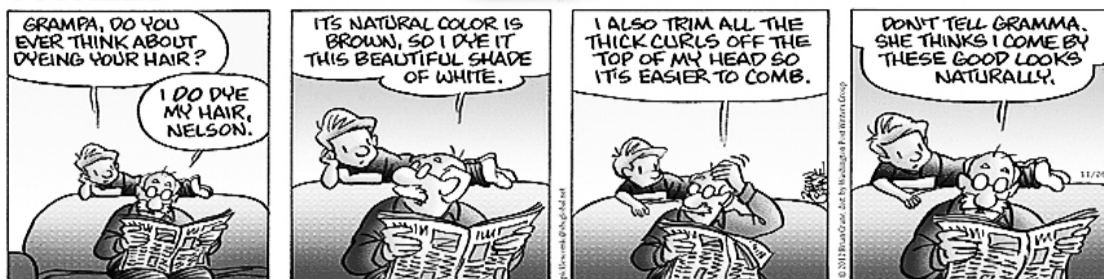
"I learned more about the support that marine species need to survive," he said.



LIMA (AFP) - Peru has opened up a tourist attraction in which hikers view a site that held an oracle consulted by Incan leaders pondering big decisions such as whether to go to war. The sanctuary, known as Pachacamac, features a series of pyramids with ramps to climb up and a palace. It took archeologists more than two years to prepare the so-called Route of the Pilgrims, which rises up 1,250 meters (4,100 feet) and opened on week-end. Pachacamac featured a venerated image that was said to represent the god of earthquakes. The sanctuary covers about 500 hectares (1,235 acres) of land and includes human settlements that run from around the year 200 AD up until 1533, when the Spaniards conquistadors arrived, the culture ministry said. Archeological digs carried out in preparing the route unearthed a large tomb used for mass dog sacrifices and containing funereal offerings like copper jewelry and vases that apparently held some kind of liquid.

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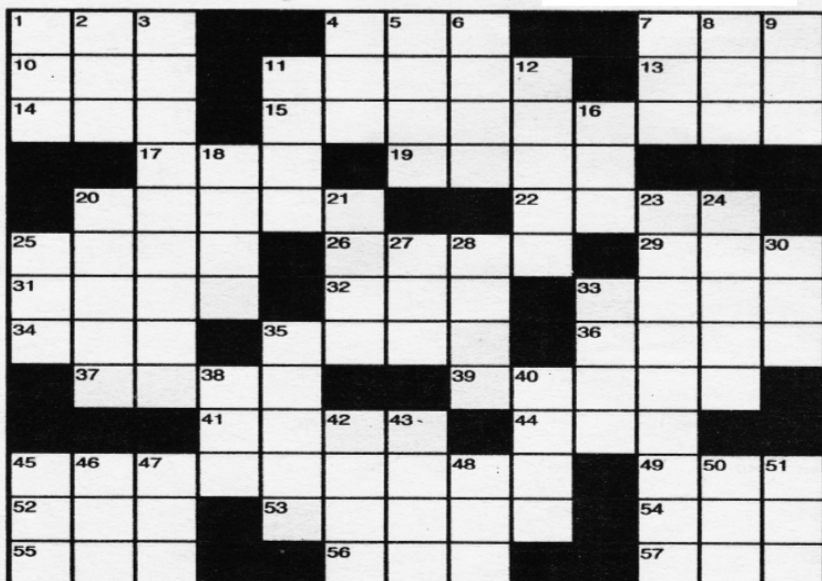
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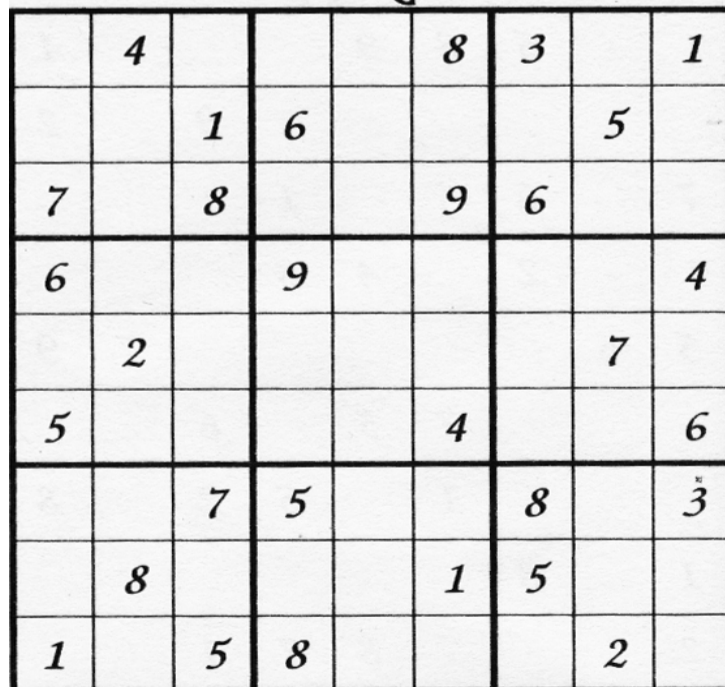
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Sandy cost New York City \$19 billion, says mayor

NEW YORK (AFP) - Super-storm Sandy ran up a super bill of \$19 billion as it tore through New York City, the mayor said yesterday in an appeal for extra federal funds.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said America's biggest city "will struggle to recover in the long term unless expedited federal funding is supplied."

The October 29 hurricane flooded the subway train system, damaged tens of thousands of houses in the New York area, knocked out electricity in swaths of the city for days, and prompted severe fuel shortages.

Among the storm's prominent victims was the Statue of Liberty, which had only just reopened after a year's refurbishments and is now to be closed again for at least the remainder of 2012.

The National Park Service said on its website that "a projected reopening date has not yet been established."

According to the mayor, the net repair bill from the hurricane-strength storm falls to \$9.8 billion once private insurance and already pledged Federal Emergency Management Agency aid are factored in.



Washington : This undated photo courtesy of the US Securities and Exchange Commission shows Commissioner Elisse B. Walter. US President Barack Obama designated Elisse Walter to lead the Securities and Exchange Commission after current chair Mary Schapiro announced yesterday she will step down next month. Walter has served as an SEC commissioner since 2008; before that she was a senior official at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. She held the same position at NASD before its 2007 consolidation with NYSE Member Regulation. (AFP)

MONDAY'S Crossword Answer



White House issues stark fiscal cliff warning

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House warned yesterday that American consumers will spend \$200 billion less in 2013 if the looming fiscal cliff is not averted and automatic tax hikes are triggered across the board.

The fresh warning came as US lawmakers return to work after the week-long Thanksgiving holiday with time running out to strike an ever-elusive budget deal that will require painful compromises from Republicans and Democrats.

Several leading Republicans have indicated a willingness in recent days to accept a deal that includes more revenue from ending tax loopholes in return for significant funding cuts in social welfare programs beloved by Democrats.

If no deal is reached before the end of the year, a poison pill of tax hikes and massive spending cuts, including slashes to the military, comes into effect with potentially catastrophic effects for the fragile US economy.

Independent economists predict the overall economy would take a hit of more than \$500 billion, probably sending the country tumbling back into recession.

The White House yesterday added more gloom to the doomsday scenario, highlighting the devastating impact that plunging off the fiscal cliff would have on consumer spending through the holiday season and into next year.

"American consumers are the bedrock of our economy, driving more than two-thirds of the overall rise in real GDP over 13 consecutive quarters of economic recovery since the middle of 2009," spokesman

Jay Carney said.

"And as we approach the holiday season, which accounts for close to one-fifth of industry sales, retailers can't afford the threat of tax increases on middle-class families," he warned.

Accompanying his statement was a report by Obama's Council of Economic Advisers that estimated US consumers could spend almost \$200 billion less than they otherwise would in 2013 just because of higher taxes.

The fiscal cliff is the result of legislation designed to force action to rein in the runaway government budget deficit and make a dent in America's ballooning \$16.3 trillion public debt. It has two main parts.

One would see tax cuts introduced by former president George W. Bush that lowered marginal rates for nearly all US taxpayers expire on January 1.

The other would force significant cuts to programs like Social Security, which provides government funds to the elderly, the disabled, widows and the poor, and Medicare, which covers health insurance for the elderly.

It would also see cuts to military spending, anathema to most Republicans, and other

Obama says any deal he concludes would have to include an increase in taxes on wealthy taxpayers, something congressional Republicans so far have rejected.

The plan he proposes -- and presented to voters on the campaign trail -- would raise the tax rate for top earners, but keep Bush-era tax rates for individuals who make less than

\$200,000 per year and families earning less than \$250,000.

Republicans insist raising taxes on the wealthy would be counter-productive and only serve to slow economic growth and ensure that the country continues to be plagued by economic stagnation.

They insist that higher taxes would dampen spending and hiring and investment by business owners.

The top income tax rate, which now stands at 35 percent, will automatically revert to 39.6 percent at the beginning of 2013 unless there is a new budget deal.

Republicans prefer to look at ways to bring in more tax revenue by completely overhauling the old and unwieldy US tax code, including closing "special interest loopholes" likely to hit others as well as the rich.

In an encouraging sign that Republican intransigence on tax could be easing, a string of leading party figures have in recent days renounced a long-standing pledge never to raise taxes.

Obama has made Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner his lead White House negotiator in the budget talks, a source close to the matter said.

No timetable has been announced but efforts to forge a deal are expected to intensify this week with the Senate returning to work yesterday and the House today.

Obama, in conjunction with leading Democratic lawmakers, and Republican House Speaker John Boehner are expected to have the final say on any deal.



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Switzerland	CHF	191.52	192.24	193.04
Netherlands	EUR	228.81	230.90	233.22
Sweden	SEK	25.94	26.66	27.46
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BELGIUM : A police officer uses a shield to protect himself from milk being sprayed by dairy farmers, during a protest by against European Union agricultural policies, in Brussels, on November 26, 2012. Farmers demonstrated at the European Parliament in Brussels yesterday with tractors and fake cows calling on political leaders to act on falling milk prices caused by overproduction in Europe. (AFP PHOTO)

Satisfaction as Rolling Stones rock London in 50-year show



LONDON (AFP) - The Rolling Stones rocked London on Sunday, thrilling a 20,000 crowd with the first of five concerts to mark their 50th anniversary. Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood were joined by their original bass player Bill Wyman at the O2 Arena as the ageing rockers performed their first major concert for five years. Lead singer Jagger made light of criticism of the ticket prices for the sold-out gig -- fans had paid up to £406 (\$650, 500 euros) for a standard seat, and thousands of pounds more on ticket re-selling sites. The band opened with "I Want to be Your Man", with 69-year-old Jagger strutting around the giant stage dressed in a silver jacket and trilby, before launching into "Get Off of My Cloud". The Daily Telegraph's music critic Neil McCormick said the Stones rose to the occasion, laying claim to the title of the world's greatest band "with some style and panache".

Jazz bassist Marcus Miller wounded in Swiss bus crash



GENEVA (AFP) - Grammy award-winning US bassist Marcus Miller and members of his jazz band were injured Sunday when their bus overturned in Switzerland, killing one of the drivers, police said. The accident happened on a motorway in central Switzerland, local police said. One of the drivers was killed, the 11 members of the band and the other driver injured. The Marcus Miller Band was travelling from Monaco, where they performed on Saturday, to the Dutch town of Hengelo, where they were due to play on Monday. The 53-year-old Miller -- one of the best known bassists of his generation who also composes, plays keyboards and the saxophone -- was not believed to have suffered life-threatening injuries. The Brooklyn-born Miller has won Grammys as a producer, composer and musician in a career already spanning four decades.

New Zealand must probe 'Hobbit' abuse': PETA

NEW YORK (AFP) - The animal rights group PETA called on New Zealand's government Monday to probe what it said was the death of horses, chickens and other animal extras on the set of "The Hobbit" movies.

After producers of Peter Jackson's highly anticipated Tolkien trilogy rejected earlier accusations of animal mistreatment, US-based PETA said it was time for the government to "investigate these allegations for possible violations of New Zealand animal protection laws and take appropriate action."

PETA said that if its information was "accurate, the production company and others are surely criminally responsible for these injuries and deaths."

The group says that animal wranglers on the film reported the deaths of at least 27 animals, including three horses, six goats, six sheep and 12 chickens.

Incidents allegedly included a pony named Rainbow which broke its neck and back after being stabled with two "highly-strung" horses, and chickens killed by dogs.

Up to 100,000 people were expected to line the streets of Wellington on Wednesday for the world premiere of the Middle Earth epic "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey".

Last week, producers said that the American Humane Association monitored all use of animals during the shoot and "no animals died or were harmed on set during filming".

"The producers completely reject the accusations that 27 animals died due to mistreatment during the making of the films," the statement said.



Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" -- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -- "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

SPORTS

Golf: Dominant McIlroy vows more of the same in 2013

DUBAI (AFP) - Rory McIlroy has promised a repeat of his stunning 2012 after he finished the season with five birdies in a row to win his fifth title of the year and a \$2.33 million pay-day in Dubai.

The 23-year-old from Holywood, Northern Ireland, took the DP World Tour Championship in the Gulf on Sunday, after embarrassingly missing the cut in Hong Kong and vowing to come back in style in the European Tour's season-ending tournament.

The victory left him a staggering 4.33 average points ahead of Luke Donald on top of the world rankings, cementing his stranglehold on the top spot and the money list on both sides of the Atlantic in the second half of the year.

The win in Dubai saw him fight back to overcome a two-stroke deficit against Justin Rose, setting him up for a strong start in 2013.

"To finish off the season like this and gain another 65-odd world ranking points (he actually gained 58), it puts me

in a really strong position going into next year. It's great to know that going into the off-season," he said.

As for his targets in 2013, McIlroy said: "I guess the same. To be focused on the Majors, try to win more of those. I've won one in 11, one in 12, it would be nice to keep that run going next year. Two Majors would be even better.

One of the big differences McIlroy felt in his game was his ability to compete even when he is not playing his best golf.

"I felt my previous wins before this year, I've just played great golf and no one could really get near me in any way. McIlroy played 24 recognised events in 2012, winning five of them -- including his second career Major at the PGA Championship in Kiawah Island by a whopping margin of eight shots -- and finishing in the top 10 in 15.

He also missed five cuts, including the US Open Championship and the BMW PGA Championship.

Argentine first-division title



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) : Boca Juniors' midfielder Matias Caruzzo (out of frame) heads the ball to score against Racing Club during their Argentine First Division football match, at the Bombonera stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Sunday. Boca Juniors defeated Racing Club 3-1.



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Football: Messi reaches 82 goals as Barca stay clear

MADRID (AFP) - Lionel Messi struck twice as Barcelona won 4-0 at Levante on Sunday to remain three points clear of Atletico Madrid at the top of La Liga.

Messi's goals were both laid on by Andres Iniesta who also hit the target himself before supplying Cesc Fabregas for the fourth.

The Argentine's brace means he now has 82 goals in 2012, just three short of German legend Gerd Mueller's all-time calendar record of 85 set in 1972.

He also tops the La Liga charts for the season with 19 goals.

Atletico had earlier beaten Sevilla 4-0 to keep pace at the top and go eight points ahead of city rivals Real Madrid in third who had lost 1-0 at Betis on Saturday.

Barca's win increased their gap over Real Madrid to 11 points.

They have also equalled Real's record for the best start to a La Liga season set in 1991-92.

But coach Tito Vilanova does not see the league as being won so early in the season.

"The league is not over, we're only a third through and Atletico are three points behind us. There is a lot to play for. We have been 11 ahead of Madrid before and we suffered a lot in the end," he said.

For Atletico, Radamel Falcao, Arda Turan and Koke got first-half goals and Miranda one in the last minute to make it seven straight home wins in the league against a Sevilla



side that played with only 10 men from the 22th minute and finished with nine.

Atletico made a breakthrough on 19 minutes when Koke was pulled down by Federico Fazio, who received a straight red.

Also on Sunday, Athletic Bilbao and Deportivo La Coruna shared the points in a 1-1 draw in the San Mames stadium.

Oscar de Marcos put the home side ahead on 24 minutes when he converted a Markel Susaeta cross, but against the run of play Abel Aguilar hit an equaliser early in the second-half to earn Deportivo a point and move his side out of the relegation zone.

Getafe won 2-0 at Espanyol to keep the Barcelona side bottom of the table, two points behind Deportivo.

Pedro Leon put Getafe ahead on 15 minutes before Mane doubled the lead in the last minute.

Leading scorers in La Liga after Sunday's matches:

19: Messi (Barcelona)

12: Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid)

11: Falcao (Atletico Madrid)
8: Aritz Aduriz (Athletic Bilbao)

7: Hemed (Mallorca), Higuain (Real Madrid), Negredo (Sevilla)

6: Baptista (Rayo Vallecano), Oscar (Valladolid), Postiga (Real Zaragoza), Ruben Castro (Real Betis)

5: Aspas (Celta Vigo), Martins (Levante), Piti (Rayo Vallecano), Soldado (Valencia), Vela (Real Sociedad), Villa (Barcelona)

4: El Arabi (Grenada), Fabregas (Barcelona), Manucho (Valladolid), Molina (Real Betis), Pizzi (Deportivo La Coruna), Riki (Deportivo La Coruna), Saviola (Malaga), Turan (Atletico Madrid), Verdu (Espanyol)



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NBA: Parker's 32 points lead Spurs past Raptors

TORONTO (AFP) - Tony Parker scored 11 of his 32 points in two overtimes Sunday to lead the San Antonio Spurs to an 111-106 National Basketball Association victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Tim Duncan scored 26 points with six assists and five rebounds for the Spurs, who have won three straight games and improved to 11-3. Manu Ginobili chipped in 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

With less than 1min 15sec remaining in the second overtime, Parker connected on

jump shots on back-to-back possessions to help seal the win.

Duncan's dunk with less than 30 seconds remaining in the first overtime had given San Antonio a 92-90 lead, but a foul by Parker gave Toronto the ball.

Parker grabbed the Raptors' inbounds pass from Jose Calderon and drove for a layup to stretch the Spurs' lead to 94-90 with 24 seconds on the clock.

Toronto responded with a three-pointer from Kyle Lowry, but Ginobili made two free throws to again stretch the Spurs' advantage.

The Raptors held on. Demar DeRozan's dunk closed the gap to 96-95 and after Gary Neal made one of two free throw for San Antonio DeRozan made a layup to knot the score at 97-97 and force the second over-

time.

DeRozan led the Raptors with 29 points. Rookie Jonas Valanciunas had 22 and Lowry had 20.

But Toronto got little from Andrea Bargnani, who scored just four points on two-of-19 shooting.



Tony Parker #9 of the San Antonio Spurs drives to the basket vs the Toronto Raptors

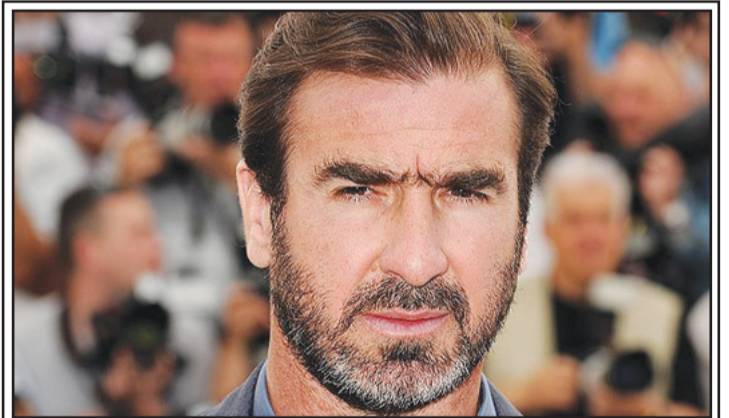


BRISBANE (AFP): Australian Wallaby fly-half Quade Cooper (L) and former New Zealand All Black Sonny Bill Williams (R) attend a press conference in Brisbane on November 26, 2012. Cooper on November 26 said he was putting his rugby union career on hold as he prepares to make his debut in the boxing ring early next year.

World Cup mascot gets a name - Fuleco



PARIS (AFP) - A cartoon armadillo chosen as the official mascot for the 2014 football World Cup in Brazil is to be called Fuleco, world governing body FIFA said on Monday. The name -- a combination of the Portuguese words for football (futebol) and ecology (ecologia) -- came out top with more than 48 percent of the 1.7 million Brazilians who voted in a poll. The three-banded armadillo, which is indigenous to Brazil and known as the "tatu-bola", is an endangered species. Its cartoon likeness wears a white "Brazil 2014" t-shirt and green shorts, has its own song and website, mascot.fifa.com.



LONDON (AFP) - Former Manchester United and France star Eric Cantona has said he is hoping to develop a team at New York Cosmos that will take the Major League Soccer title as well as provide the basis for a US World Cup-winning side. The 46-year-old, who won four titles in five years with the Old Trafford club, was appointed director of soccer at the Cosmos last year and told BBC television that his aim was to make the club "the best team in the US, in the world". Cosmos, the fabled team of the original North American Soccer League of the 1970s that counts Pele and Franz Beckenbauer among former players, secured his services in January last year as part of their bid to rejoin the Major League Soccer.

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NFL: Giants rout Packers, 49ers sink Saints

NEW ORLEANS (AFP) - Colin Kaepernick, who was making his second career start in place of Alex Smith, ran for one touchdown and threw for another as the San Francisco 49ers beat New Orleans 31-21 on Sunday.

Ahmad Brooks and Donte Whitner each returned an interception for a score for the 49ers, who had cleared Smith to play but decided to go with Kaepernick as their quarterback instead.

Smith suffered a concussion during the 49ers' 24-24 tie against the St. Louis Rams two weeks ago. Kaepernick completed 16-of-25 passes for 231 yards on Sunday.

Kaepernick finished with 27 yards and a touchdown on six carries and Frank Gore ran 19 times for 83 yards in San Francisco's second consecutive victory.

New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees had 267 yards passing, three touchdowns and two interceptions. He completed 26-of-41 passes but was kept in check by a 49ers defense that recorded five sacks.

Marques Colston finished with 36 yards and a touchdown on four receptions for the Saints, who had their three-game win streak stopped.

The game was tied 14-14 at the half but San Francisco took the lead on their first possession of the third when Kaepernick hooked up with Gore on a six-yard touchdown pass.

Two plays into New Or-



Tight end Martellus Bennett #85 of the New York Giants gets tackled by cornerback Tra- mon Williams #38 of the Green Bay Packers as free safety Morgan Burnett #42 looks on

leans' ensuing possession, Whitner intercepted a pass and carried it 42 yards for a touchdown and a 28-14 lead with 11:30 left in the third quarter.

The battle between the two most recent Super Bowl champs turned into a rout as Eli Manning threw three touchdown passes and the New York Giants dominated the Green Bay Packers 38-10.

Ahmad Bradshaw rushed 10 times for 58 yards and a touchdown for the Giants, who defeated Green Bay in a NFC Divisional playoff game last season.

Aaron Rodgers completed 14-of-25 passes for 219 yards,

one touchdown and an interception for the Packers, who had their five-game win streak halted.

In Tampa, Michael Turner barged in for the go-ahead touchdown midway through the final quarter, as the Atlanta Falcons survived a scare to register a 24-23 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

First-place Atlanta now lead the NFC South division with a 10-1 record as they snapped Tampa's four-game win streak.

Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan turned the ball over twice but completed 26-of-32 passes for 353 yards, including

an 80-yard touchdown strike

to Julio Jones.

Doug Martin ran for two touchdowns but was held to 50 yards on 21 carries for Tampa Bay. Quarterback Josh Freeman threw for 256 yards on 19-of-30 passing in the loss.

Justin Tucker tied the game on the final play of regulation, then kicked the game-winning field goal with 1:07 to play in overtime as Baltimore took a 16-13 win over San Diego.

Dan Carpenter drilled a 43-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Miami Dolphins to a 24-21 win over the Seattle Seahawks at Sun Life Stadium.

In other games Sunday it was Denver 17 Kansas City 9, Chicago 28 Minnesota 10, Cincinnati 34 Oakland 10, Cleveland 20 Pittsburgh 14, Indianapolis 20 Buffalo 13, Jacksonville 24 Tennessee 19, St. Louis 31 Arizona 17.



Bruce Miller #49 of the San Francisco 49ers is brought down by Tom Johnson #96 of the New Orleans Saints